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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: U.S. NAVAL SHIP VISITS

REF: (A) CAIRO 11831 (NOTAL); (B) TEL AVIV 7702 (NOTAL)

FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS AND AMBASSADOR TOON FROM THE SECRETARY

1. FOR EILTS: I CONCUR YOUR RECOMMENDATION CAIRO REFTEL TO INCREASE CALLS TO EGYPTIAN PORTS BY U.S. NAVAL VESSELS UNDER REGULAR GOE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES. I EXPECT YOU TO ASSURE THAT SUCH CALLS ARE UNDER YOUR PERSONAL CONTROL AND THAT THEY OCCUR NO MORE OFTEN THAN FOUR TO FIVE TIMES PER CALENDAR YEAR. THESE NAVAL VISITS SHOULD BE OF A NATURE WHICH IN YOUR OPINION WILL STRENGTHEN US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. YOU WILL DISAPPROVE REQUESTS FOR SUCH VISITS, OF COURSE, AT ANY TIME WHEN, IN YOUR OPINION, THE BEST INTERESTS OF U.S. WOULD NOT BE SERVED.

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2. FOR TOON: IDF OFFICERS CAN BE EXPECTED TO REQUEST
U.S. NAVAL VESSELS VISIT ISRAELI PORTS WHEN THEY BECOME
AWARE OF INCREASED VISITS TO EGYPTIAN PORTS. AS
RECOMMENDED IN TEL AVIV REFTEL, YOU MAY RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY
TO SUCH ISRAELI REQUEST WHEN MADE. I EXPECT YOU TO

EXERCISE SIMILARLY FIRM, PERSONAL CONTROL OF NUMBER AND
NATURE OF U.S. NAVAL VISITS TO ISRAEL AS OUTLINED IN
PARA ONE ABOVE.

3. CAIRO AND TEL AVIV SHOULD KEEP EACH OTHER AND
DEPARTMENT INFORMED IN EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING FOR
SUCH VISITS, TO ASSURE ALL AROUND COORDINATION AND
CONTROL. KISSINGER

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